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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: PRESS REQUESTS

(S/S 7624415)

TO THE SECRETARY FROM S/PRS - ROBERT L. FUNSETH

WBNS-TV IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, IS DOING A SERIES ON THE ADJUSTMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES TO AMERICAN SOCIETY. AL OWENS, THE REPORTER FOR THE SERIES, STATES THAT IN HIS JUDGMENT THE CLOSEST PARALLEL IN RECENT U.S. HISTORY IS THE SITUATION OF GERMAN JEWISH IMMIGRANTS BEFORE WORLD WAR II. HE WOULD LIKE TO RECORD FOR BROADCAST BY TELEPHONE YOUR VIEW AS TO WHY THE GERMAN-JEWISH REFUGEES WERE SO SUCCESSFUL IN ADJUSTING TO LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU DECLINE TO DO THE INTERVIEW.

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ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU AGREE TO A BRIEF RECORDED INTERVIEW AND HAVE S/PRS SET IT UP. APPROVE DISAPPROVE

ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU AGREE TO A BRIEF WRITTEN COMMENT AND HAVE S/PRS PROVIDE A DRAFT. APPROVE DISAPPROVE

2. NBC'S TELEVISION SHOW "WEEKEND" HAS REQUESTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO FILM WITH SOUND AS MANY OF YOUR ACTIVITIES AS POSSIBLE ON A DAY CONVENIENT TO YOU BEFORE CHRISTMAS. THE PRODUCER, CLAIRE CRAWFORD, SAYS THAT THE FOOTAGE WOULD BE USED FOR A SHORT, 6-12 MINUTE DOCUMENTARY CLIP TO BE AIRED AS PART OF THEIR JANUARY 2 SHOW, THE THEME BEING YOUR LAST DAYS IN OFFICE.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU DECLINE TO GRANT A DAY-LONG PHOTO OPPORTUNITY TO NBC AND HAVE S/PRS SO INFORM MS. CRAWFORD.
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ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU AGREE TO A DAY-LONG PHOTO OPPORTUNITY BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND HAVE S/PRS MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. APPROVE DISAPPROVE

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